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Dear Parent and Carers

Consultation of Relationships and Health Education Policy

You may be aware that schools have been expected to deliver new statutory content for Relationships and Health Education (RHE) as part of the wider PSHE curriculum since September 2020. (Additional time has been given over the last year for consultation and implementation due to the impact of Covid.) Before September 2020, most schools, like Northfield Manor, already covered similar content however, the government has now specifically defined the content that must be covered and made this statutory. This means that it is a legal requirement. We have therefore adapted our schemes and resources to the statutory guidance where necessary and we would like to consult you on this.

We would have preferred to be able to invite parents into school to share schemes and resources, as we did at the previous consultation, however our Covid-19 risk assessment still does not allow us to do this. Instead, we have provided links to the relevant materials which have been developed in collaboration with Victoria Academies Trust. These include our draft policy; RHE learning objectives document; book list and Q&A document.

<https://northfieldmanoracademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/VAT-schools-draft-PSHE-and-RHE-policy-1.pdf>

<https://northfieldmanoracademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/RHE-learning-objectives-1.pdf>

<https://northfieldmanoracademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Book-list-PSHE-final.pdf>

<https://northfieldmanoracademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/RHE-QA-NMPA-final.pdf>

Government guidance states that, ***you can express your opinion, and this will help your child's school decide how and when to cover the content of the statutory guidance. It may also help them decide whether to teach additional non-statutory content. Schools are required to ensure their teaching reflects the age and religious background of their pupils.*** Parents/Carers of Northfield Manor pupils will have until Wednesday 12th May to view and comment upon these resources. You can do this by clicking on the link below and completing a Google Form. The consultation is for parents and carers of current Northfield Manor pupils only.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gRYI9AnpxcoXfG46GtvchEpbA7Bkiq9uXkXPXC7tKTM/edit>

It is worth noting that parents cannot withdraw their child from relationships or health education. Parents of primary children may withdraw their child from non- statutory sex

education if this is taught at the primary school. At Northfield Manor we do not teach non-statutory sex education. Reproduction and life cycles is taught through the Science curriculum which is statutory.

The government leaflet below sets out your parental rights:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907638/RSE_primary_schools_guide_for_parents.pdf

The draft policy has already been noted by the Academy Council. After the consultation period, the policy will return to the Academy Council for consideration.

Your faithfully

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